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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Coastal Hydropower, LLC

Project No. 14385-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING APPLICATIONS

On April 12, 2012, Coastal Hydropower, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Menasha-Neenah Water Power Project, which would be located on the Fox River, in Winnebago County, Wisconsin. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) installation of 12 Very Low Head (VLH) 500-kilowatt (kW) turbine units; (2) a proposed 700-foot-long, 12-kilovolt transmission line; (3) a proposed 300-foot-long, 13-kilovolt transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Menasha-Neenah Water Power Project would have an estimated average annual generation of 31.5 gigawatt-hours.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website (http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp). Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for

TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number (P-14385) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: May 18, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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